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Inquiry: I reviewed recent questions to the Board regarding scope of practice and PFT's. When is a update expected on the performance of Pulmonary Diagnostics by non-licensed personnel? Also, if a non-licensed person is a RPFT does the Board's current stance, that PFT's be performed only by licensed personnel, apply?

Response: The Board is still moving forward with its proposal to strengthen the qualifications of persons performing pulmonary function tests in California. Our position on this stems from the fact that many pulmonary function tests are currently being performed by unlicensed and untrained personnel. It was therefore the Boards' intent to create a professional certification for national credentialed individuals. This certification is the first step and adding the appropriate patient safety to pulmonary function testing. It is the only way the board could create some safe guards for the public and their ability to receive quality testing. Without this change there are no safe guards and no regulatory oversight for these procedures.

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